

**Fire growth and new starts ring in the week**

Washington fire crews battled red flag conditions this morning with wind gusts exceeding 50 miles per hour, contributing to notable growth on the Crescent Mountain and Cougar Fires. Meanwhile, large areas of the region were covered in thick smoke, impacting incident air operations and even delaying flights at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. As winds calmed in the afternoon, a lightning storm began to pass through eastern Oregon and Washington. By early evening, 26 new starts had been reported, 22 of which are located in Oregon, mainly in the Blue Mountains. Predictive Services show this area at a 20 percent or greater chance of a large fire as a result of mass ignitions from lightning. Initial attack resources are expected to be busy this evening as new fires continue to be detected.

Helpful Links:

PNW Execs blog: pnwexecs.blogspot.com (this page provide execs with easily accessed tools for looking ahead 3 days to 30 days. All are links to NWCC pages but made easy to find on this one page)

NWCC Blog: <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/>

Southern Oregon JIC blogspot: <http://swojic.blogspot.com/>

Washington Smoke blog: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

7-Day Fire Potential Outlook: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/fwx/guidance/DL.pdf>

NWCC Morning Brief: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/MORNINGBRIEF.pdf>
<https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/incident/photographs/6093/>

USA Fire Story Map: <https://storymaps.esri.com/stories/usa-wildfires/>

Fire related articles:

Klondike Fire Command Moves to Gold Beach

<https://www.currypilot.com/news/6456758-151/command-moves-to-gold-beach>

Firefighting base at White Pass ski resort becomes 332-person village

http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local/firefighting-base-at-white-pass-ski-resort-becomes--person/article_c509782a-a2a2-11e8-8555-339939a079bd.html

Firefighters from Puerto Rico helping to battle Miles Fire in S. Oregon

<http://www.kptv.com/story/38911233/firefighters-from-puerto-rico-helping-to-battle-miles-fire-in-s-oregon>

Maple Fire could serve to rejuvenate Olympic National Forest

<https://www.king5.com/mobile/article/news/local/maple-fire-could-serve-to-rejuvenate-olympic-national-forest/281-585467962>

Oregonians Can Weigh In On New Proposed Smoke Management Rules

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/smoke-management-rules-oregon-public-hearings/>

New Wildfire Near Terwilliger Hot Springs Grows

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/oregon-eugene-terwilliger-hot-springs-wildfire/>

SEA-TAC flights delayed by wildfire smoke

<https://www.newsweek.com/wildfire-smoke-sea-tac-airport-flights-delayed-air-quality-washington-state-1079891>

Don't vacuum while wildfire smoke is in the air, doctors warn

<https://www.kgw.com/article/weather/air-quality/dont-vacuum-while-wildfire-smoke-is-in-the-air/283-585771775>

Oregon State –

Stubblefield Fire: OSFM Blue Team assumed command of the Stubblefield Fire at 11:00 pm Aug. 17. The fire is burning 7 miles northwest of Condon. The fire has burnt an estimated 18,000 acres and is at 15 percent containment. Point protection is taking place with 93 residences threatened. A community meeting took place Aug. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Condon. A privately owned and operated dozer rollover was reported.

Seale: This fire is 14 miles west of Condon and is managed by the OSFM unified command. Six homes are threatened.

Lone Rock: This fire is 4,500 acres with 20 percent containment burning 12 miles east of Condon and under OSFM unified command. The small community of Lone Rock is within four miles of the fire's edge. A community meeting is planned for 7:00 pm this evening in Lone Rock. Approximately 40 residences could be threatened.

Jennies Peak Fire: A Type 3 IMT in-briefed yesterday morning to manage this 36,000 acre fire with 0 percent containment located 13 miles south of Fossil. Active fire behavior has been reported and the fuel type is grass and brush. A Type 2 IMT is being in-briefed this afternoon.

Kinzua Complex: A Type 3 IMT is managing multiple fires within a ten mile radius of Fossil, totaling 550 acres and burning in a mix of timber and brush. The complex includes the previously reported 161 McDonald, 57 Kinzua, 158 Ricks Creek, 165 Rancheria, and 172 Oxhead Fires.



Figure 1: Fire spotted across the Cougar Reservoir on the Terwilliger Fire.

Terwilliger Fire: This fire is located on the Willamette National Forest near the Terwilliger Hot Springs and is at 190 acres with no containment. The fire is growing quickly and posing challenges to IA. Movement across crowns was taking place upon IA arrival. A Type 3 IMT in-briefed last night. A Type 2 team has been ordered and will in-brief tomorrow afternoon. More information can be found at:

<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160/>

Mile Post 6 Fire: This fire burned 1,500 acres on the Crooked River National Grasslands six miles south of Madras. All lines are holding and the fire is 50 percent contained.

Tenino Fire: The Tenino fire is burning on the Warm Springs Reservation about 5 miles southwest of Warm Springs. It was reported at 9,436 acres with 60 percent containment and has a Type 3 IMT assigned.

Calamity: 79 acres. Dozer line around the perimeter. Northeastern Oregon.

Incident 185: 10 acres burning on the Malheur NF and exhibiting active fire behavior.

Incident 186: 1 acre burning on the Umatilla NF and exhibiting active fire behavior.

Lookout Fire: 30 ac. Stopped forward spread

Skyline Fire: 170 ac – brush grass timber out of Vale District

Washington State –

Kelly Mountain is burning 44 acres and 55 percent contained, burning on the Colville National Forest. A Local Type 3 team is on the fire. No direct option is available, so crews will use roads in area, likely to be up to 800 acres. The fire is burning about a mile south of the Canadian border. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6132/>

Kettle River/1904 Fire: started on Aug. 11 on private land, but escaped containment lines and burned onto the Colville NF. It is 49 acres and 75 percent contained. <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6132/>

Two unnamed emerging incidents in northeastern Washington. No further information.

LARGE INCIDENTS - WASHINGTON

Cougar Creek/Bannock Lake/White Pine/Lost Fires: CA Type 1 Team 5 (Young) is managing all four fires. Cougar Creek fire is reported at 37,775 acres and Bannock Lake Fire is at 444 acres. Containment is at 35 percent. Due to smoke, IR flights have not been possible for updated acreage. Level 1 evacuations have been expanded to include 2,700 structures on the west flank. The area around Chumstick Road was upgraded to a Level 2 evacuation. Notable growth continues on the west flank with more activity expected with strong winds in the area today. One firefighter is being treated for rabies as a precaution after coming in contact with a bat. Washington National Guard resources have been ordered to provide road block support. A filming crew from PBS NOVA will be on site through mid-week. More information is at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6053/>

Crescent Mountain/McLeod/Doe Fires: (SA IMT 1, IC Wilkins) assumed command today of the 24,983-acre Crescent Mountain fire, and the 11,663-acre [McLeod Fire](#). Containment for Crescent Mountain Fire is at 34 percent. Due to smoke, IR flights have not been possible for updated acreage. Level 3 evacuation levels remain in effect for 40 homes in the area of Twisp. With high winds, the fire made a significant run to the southwest. MODIS mapping shows heat on the west side of Lake Chelan however, local resources believe this reading is inaccurate and are



Figure 2: Fuels reduction on the Crescent Mountain Fire.

verifying. Firing operations will be implemented as weather allows on both the Crescent Mountain and McLeod Fires. Spotting continues to occur south of the line on the McLeod Fire. One bee sting requiring a transport was recorded. A community meeting is planned for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Methow Community Center in Twisp. More information is at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6093/>

Boyd's Fire: (NW Team 11, IC Rabe) This fire is more than 3,234 acres with 49 percent containment and burning 3 miles west of Kettle Falls. Focus remains on the west flank where hand and mechanical resources will continue work. Tactical firing operations are also planned for this area. Incident resources assisted with the initial attack of a structural fire about one mile from the perimeter of the Boyd's Fire. While there does not appear to be a connection between the two, an investigation is underway. During the response, a firefighter attached to the incident received second degree burns to the back of the hand. Another firefighter was transported after a bee sting. The team is coordinating closely for several products with NW Team 9 on the Horns Mountain Fire. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6139/>

Horns Mountain: (NW Team 9, IC Goff) This fire on the Colville NF started less than one mile from the Canadian border and is 2,413 acres and 20 percent contained. It has crossed the Canadian border and has burned 619 acres (250 hectares) in British Columbia (BC). On the Canadian side, the fire is threatening regional transmission lines, private timber and grazing allocations, and 33 nearby homes. An evacuation alert has been issued for these residents. British Columbia is providing some heavy equipment and supporting fire operations on the BC side and conducted air operations yesterday. On the US side, air operations have been limited by smoke. Limited burn out operations will be conducted on the west and southwest edges. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6138/>

Miriam Fire: (NW Team 8, IC Johnson) The fire is 3,145 acres, 39% contained and burning 3 miles east of the White Pass Ski Area in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, 32 miles southwest of Naches, WA. Burn out operations will take place moving from the west to east to north to help contain the fire as it continues to press south. A small amount of heat continues to be detected in the Miriam Creek drainage but no movement has taken place. Currently, 323 residences remain in Level 1 evacuations and 60 in Level 3. An accident was reported involving a dump truck moving slash losing part of its load on a parked car as it hit a bump. Unrelatedly, a firefighter suffered a dislocated shoulder while pulling brush and will be demobilized today. More information is at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6066/>.

Maple Fire: (Type 3) The Maple Fire is approximately 1,727 acres and 44 percent contained in steep rugged terrain on Olympic National Forest and WADNR managed lands. The Maple Fire will be transferred to a Type 4 IMT this week. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6111/>.



Figure 3: Burn out operations on the south edge of the Klondike Fire.

LARGE INCIDENTS - OREGON

Taylor Creek and Klondike Fire: (AK Team 1, IC T. Kurth, CA 4, IC J. Kurth). Taylor Creek is at 52,588 acres with 79 percent containment. Klondike Fire is showing at 68,241 acres with 28 percent containment. Mop up continues on Taylor Creek while resources are focused on the south and west flanks of the Klondike Fire. The fire continues to grow to the south but crews have been successful in moving it toward the Chetco Bar Fire burn scar,

moving it in the opposite direction of Selma. Resources on the west are scouting options for direct attack and building contingency line to box-in westward progression. One bee sting requiring transport was recorded. A public meeting took place last night in Agness and was well attended. Additional public meetings are planned for tonight in Cave Junction and Tuesday in Gold Beach. More information is at the swojic.blogspot.com and <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6058/> for Taylor Creek and <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5998/> for Klondike.



Figure 4: Dense areas of dead and down fuels have helped the Watson Creek Fire grow quickly.

Watson Creek – (NW Team 6, IC Sheldon) This fire is burning 13 miles west of Paisley on the Fremont-Winema NF in an area of heavy, dead and down timber. It started Aug. 15 and has grown to more than 25,788 acres with zero percent containment. Firing operations have been successful and crews were able to hold the fire south of the 29 Road. Multiple spots on the eastern flank continue to create challenges and the need for reassessment. Night shift personnel will conduct burn out operations near the area of Bald Butte Lookout to try and protect the structure. Level 1 evacuations are in place for 20 structures and Level 3 evacuations are in place for 15 to 20 structures. A community meeting in Paisley last night was attended by about 100 people. More information is

available at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6153/>

Natchez Fire: Northern Rockies Type 1 IMT (IC Goicoechea) The Natchez Fire is 20,275 acres and 70 percent contained. Evacuation notifications remain in place. Firing operations were successful yesterday and crews continue to hold and improve line. The northern and eastern sides of the fire are in patrol status. A transfer of command is scheduled at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday morning and a public meeting is planned for 6:00 pm in Happy Camp. More information is the swojic.blogspot.com and <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5948/>

Miles/Columbus (ODF Team 3, IC Smith and PNW Team 3 - IC Livingston) Evacuation levels remain in place with some areas downgraded. The fire is at 47,005 acres with 38 percent containment. Crews will focus efforts on mop up and backhauling as the Miles and Columbus Fires burn together. Snags densely cover the area and are being removed before mop up, which is slowing the process. More information is available at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5966/>